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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUNICH 1777

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MUNICH SPD POT CONTINUES TO BOIL

REF: MUNICH 1528 AND PREVIOUS

1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. THE PENDING DISCIPLINARY CASE AGAINST
FORMER SPD MUNICH CITY COUNCIL FLOOR LEADER HANS PREISSINGER
REMAINS FOCAL POINT OF CONTINUING STRIFE WITHIN MUNICH SPD.
PRO-PREISSINGER FORCES NOW INCLUDE FEDERAL MINJUSTICE (AND
FORMER BAVARIAN SPD LAND CHAIRMAN) HANS-JOCHEN VOGEL AS WELL
AS CHIEF OF CITY DEPARTMENT FOR REAL ESTATE AND COMMUNAL AFFAIRS
WERNER VEIGEL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MOVE WHICH HAS ESCALATED PREISSINGER AFFAIR TO HIGHEST
LEVELS OF BAVARIAN SPD, FEDERAL MINJUSTICE VOGEL HAS ANNOUNCED
THAT HE WILL ACT AS PREISSINGER'S LEGAL ADVISOR (RECHTSBEISTAND)
IN HIS ATTEMPT TO RESIST EXPULSION FROM SPD. VOGEL'S ACTION
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HAS UPSET SPD "SOUTHERN BAVARIA" DISTRICT CHAIRMAN ALFONS
BAYERL WHO RECENTLY TOLD CONGEN THAT SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT
MADE UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO PERSUADE VOGEL TO BACK OFF.
WE PRESUME IT WAS BAYERL HIMSELF WHO TALKED BRANDT INTO THIS
UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

3. MEANWHILE, JURGEN MARHUN AND ROLF-HELMUT PFEIFFER, THE OTHER

TWO PROMINENT RIGHT-WING MEMBERS OF MUNICH SPD WHO ARE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CASES, HAVE ALSO ATTRACTED PROMINENT LEGAL ADVISORS. MUNICH POLICE PRESIDENT MANFRED SCHREIBER WILL DEFEND PFEIFFER WHILE THE LORD MAYOR OF MEMMINGEN WILL DEFEND MARHUN.

4. IN LETTER TO MUNICH SPD CHAIRMAN VON HECKEL AND SPD CITY COUNCIL "FRAKTION," WERNER VEIGEL, LONG-TIME CHIEF OF CITY REAL ESTATE AND COMMUNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, HAS DECLARED COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH PREISSINGER. IN HIS LETTER, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN "SUDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG" JUNE 14, VEIGEL STATES THAT HE INTENDS TO BEHAVE AS IF HE WERE SUBJECT TO SAME DISCIPLINARY CASE AS PREISSINGER.

5. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE REACTED WITH CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT PUBLICLY, LEADERS OF SPD'S "SOUTHERN BAVARIA" DISTRICT AND SUB-DISTRICT MUNICH HAVE BEEN SHAKEN BY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT VOGEL ET AL WILL SERVE AS LEGAL ADVISORS TO PREISSINGER AND HIS FELLOW RIGHT WINGERS. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN POLOFF LAST WEEK, BAYERL SAID, WITH OBVIOUS DISCOMFORT, THAT HE WAS NOW UNABLE TO PREDICT OUTCOME OF THESE DISCIPLINARY CASES. AT THIS JUNCTURE, CONGEN BELIEVES BAYERL, VON HECKEL AND THEIR ALLIES ARE SEEKING SATISFACTORY WAY OUT OF THIS STICKY SITUATION.
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